Robert Dreher

As the Service's Associate Director, Mr. Dreher is the principal advisor to the Director on major policy issues, and will represent the Service's priorities within the Department of Interior and the broader administration. He will also develop, coordinate and implement a variety of special projects as assigned by the Director.

Before joining the Service, Mr. Dreher served at the Department of Justice, most recently as the Acting Assistant Attorney General for its Environment and Natural Resources Division. Here, he oversaw nearly 450 attorneys enforcing federal environmental laws, prosecuting environmental crimes, and defending federal agencies as they implement federal environmental laws and manage federal lands and natural resources.

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